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Speaker Naize encourages a safe and joyful Fourth of July celebration

WINDOW ROCK – Speaker Johnny Naize (Low Mountain, Many Farms, Nazlini, Tachee/Blue Gap, Tselani/Cottonwood) wishes all families throughout the Navajo Nation a joyful and safe Fourth of July weekend.

“I encourage our Navajo people to spend time with their family, friends, and loved ones and to take part in events scheduled throughout the Navajo Nation including in the Fourth of July celebrations in Window Rock and Kayenta, and please do so in a safe and responsible manner,” said Speaker Naize.

In reference to the recent loss of 19 firefighters in the Yarnell Hill wildfire, Speaker Naize said he urges the public to abide by the Navajo Nation’s ban on open fires and fireworks to prevent fires from occurring.

Speaker Naize also acknowledged the fact that some will partake in the consumption of alcohol in celebration of the holiday, and urged those individuals to do so responsibly and to have a designated driver.

“In recent years, we’ve seen an increase in accidents and fatalities involving alcohol and DUI,” said Speaker Naize. “I want everyone to enjoy the holiday and remain safe with their families.”

Throughout the weekend, Speaker Naize plans to attend several events including the premiere of Star Wars Episode 4, translated to the Navajo language. Public viewings of the film are scheduled throughout the weekend, beginning July 3 through July 5.

In addition to the Fourth of July and PRCA Rodeo in Window Rock, Speaker Naize will also attend the Kayenta Fourth of July events and rodeo currently underway.

For a complete listing of scheduled events please visit <http://www.navajonationfair.com/> and <http://kayentatownship.net/blog/>.

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